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1. Armored units, in approximately divisional strength, arrived in Leipzig during March. These units were equipped with heavy tanks, "apparently improved T-40's".

2. During March advance parties began preparing billets for motorized units - tanks or heavy motorized artillery are expected - in the area between Verdau (K24), Crimmitschau (K25), Meerane (K36) and Altenburg (K27).

3. There has been an increase in Czech-Soviet traffic near Markneukirchen (D29) and Klingenthal (K30). Constant meetings between Czech and Russian officers are taking place at Bad Elster (D28).

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4. Two assault gun battalions of Mongolian troops, with approximately eighty SU-152's, are billeted in the Pionierkaserne in Weissenfels (D99). These battalions belong to 57th Guards Rifle Division. An infantry unit with hosedrawn vehicles is based in the Infanterie Kaserne.

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5. On 13 March, fifteen of the aforementioned eighty SU-152's were shipped to Eisenach-Kindel (H76-377). During the loading, thirteen EM deserted.

6. Hangars at the Merseburg (D91) airfield are being used for Soviet Air Force ammunition and spare parts. The field is guarded by sixty policemen drafted from Naumburg and Weissenfels. There is no air activity.

7. Kirghiz troops have been observed in "fairly large" numbers in the Berlin, Magdeburg and Meiningen areas.

8. During the last three months i.e., since January 1948 air activity has increased at Grossenhain (A02), Elsterwerda (A03), Finsterwalde (A15) and Lönnewitz (E74) airfields. Steady flight training has been observed in this triangle. Quarters for 9,000 persons were recently requisitioned in the area, suggesting even further stepping-up of training. There are underground hangars at the Elsterwerda field.

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